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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Tai T. Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 April 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to because all numeric blocks of figures 1-2 need to be labeled with descriptive legends according to 37CFR 1.84(o). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-7, 9-10, 13-18, 25-30, 32-37, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tognazzini (US 5,790,974).

Regarding claim 1, Tognazzini discloses a location-dependant personal organizer (12) for operation with a memory (30) for storing a plurality of appointment entries each including data specifying a time and place (col. 4, line 48-52) comprising:

- a locating unit in the form of a GPS receiver (42) capable of determining the location of the personal organizer (col. 5, line 60 through col. 6, line 18);
- a clock (16b) capable of determining the present time (figure 2);
- an alerting unit (20b) for generating an alert to a user (figure 1); and
- an alert processor (16b) coupled to the memory, the locating unit, the clock, and the alerting unit and capable of actuating the alerting unit at a period of time before the stored time for an appointment entry that is dependant on stored place for the appointment entry and the determine location of the personal organizer (col. 6, line 54 through col. 7, line 2).

Regarding claim 2, Tognazzini discloses the personal organizer comprising at least a part of the memory (figures 3a and 5).

Regarding claims 3 and 13, Tognazzini discloses the locating unit being capable of determining the location of the personal organizer and making that available to the alert processor (col. 5, lines 1-3).

Regarding claims 4 and 14-15, Tognazzini discloses the memory being capable of storing information defining the location of the place specified for the appointment entry (figure 5).

Regarding claims 5-7 and 16-18, Tognazzini discloses the alert processor being capable of estimating the journey time needed to travel from the location of the personal

organizer to the location of the place of the appointment entry and actuating the alerting unit at a period before the stored time for an appointment entry that is dependant on that journey time and determining whether there is sufficient time (col. 6, line 54 through col. 7, line 10).

Regarding claims 9 and 25-30, Tognazzini discloses the personal organizer being capable of acting as a cellular phone for at least making and receiving phone calls (figure 1; col. 5, lines 41-50).

Regarding claims 10, 32-37, and 39, Tognazzini discloses the use of an audible alert (col. 14, line 62 through col. 15, line 8).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 8, 19-24, 31, 38, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tognazzini in view of Sawyer et al. (US 5,307,400).

Regarding claims 8 and 19-24, Tognazzini discloses the instant claimed invention except for the locating unit determining the location of the personal organizer by means of cellular telephone network. Sawyer et al. teach the use of a cellular telephone network to locate a mobile electronic device (col. 5, lines 17-32). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made

to use a cellular network to determine the location of the device for the purpose of simplifying construction of the device.

Regarding claim 31, Tognazzini discloses the personal organizer being capable of acting as a cellular phone for at least making and receiving phone calls (figure 1; col. 5, lines 41-50).

Regarding claim 38, Tognazzini discloses the use of an audible alert (col. 14, line 62 through col. 15, line 8).

Regarding claim 46, Tognazzini discloses the instant claimed invention except for the alert being silent. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a silent alert instead of the audible alert in order to provide an alert without interrupting other people.

7. Claims 11, 40-45, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tognazzini (US 5,790,974).

Regarding claims 11, 40-45 and 47, Tognazzini discloses the instant claimed invention except for the alert being silent. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a silent alert instead of the audible alert in order to provide an alert without interrupting other people.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Robertson (US 2002/0067308); Steiner et al. (US 5,528,248), Negishi et al. (US 5,525,958); and Klausner et al. (US 5,375,0118)

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tai T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-0160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30am-5:00pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu can be reached on (703) 308-6730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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